

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1644 - SB 1679**

January 12, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the *Schools Against Violence in Education Act* to require each local education agency (LEA), public charter school, private school, and church-related school to develop a policy on how teachers, students, and staff shall respond in the event a fire alarm is activated outside of a scheduled fire drill due to the presence of an active shooter on school premises. Requires each LEA and public charter school to incorporate the policy in its district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan. Requires each policy developed to be implemented by July 1, 2024, and to be annually reviewed and updated, if necessary.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- LEAs and public charter schools are currently required to adopt and maintain comprehensive district-wide school safety plans and building-level school safety plans pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-804(a).
- LEAs and public charter schools will be able to develop and incorporate the proposed active-shooter response policy in their district-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plan within existing resources and during the normal course of business.
- Requiring private schools and church-related schools to develop such policies will not have any significant impact on state or local government.
- Any state or local fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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